

FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

JANUARY 21, 1997

FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MET TUESDAY MORNING JANUARY 21, 1997 AT 10:00 O'CLOCK IN LAVONIA. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE CHAIRMAN LOUISE WILCOX. ROLL CALLED BY SECRETARY JULIE IRBY, SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT: LOUISE WILCOX, LOUISE HARBIN, JULIE IRBY, RACHEL SORROW, ROGER MCCONNELL, CAMERON VEAL AND RUTH WILLIAMS, TWO MEMBERS VIDALIA BENNETT & PEGGY MCMAHAN WERE ABSENT.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 1996 MEETING READY BY SECRETARY. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS READ MADE BY RUTH WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY ROGER MCCONNELL, MOTION APROVED.

MRS. WILCOX PRESENTED ATHENS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE KATHRYN AMES WHO INTRODUCED NEW BRANCH MANAGER CO-ORDINATOR JANET WRIGHT AND ALSO STATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR THOMAS PLOEG. MS. AMES PASSED OUT INFORMATION ON LIBRARY BUDGET, REVISED BUDGET, MISSION STATEMENT, ETC. SHE NOTED THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY HAS TWO REGION BOARD MEMBERS, CAMERON VEAL AND RACHEL SORROW AND ANOTHER NEEDS TO BE APPOINTED. IT WAS REPORTED THAT CITY OF LAVONIA CONTRIBUTED AN ADDITIONAL \$300 FOR THIS YEAR. BOARD OF EDUCATION WHICH HAS SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR HAS REQUESTED AN UPDATED INVOICE, AND ALSO ONE TO BE SENT TO NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED BOARD OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN HAS SENT PART OF THE MONEY DUE. THERE WERE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH LAVONIA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AND ROYSTON LOCAL BOARD PRESENT WITH NUMEROUS QUESTIONS REGARDING LIBRARIES. THEY HAD QUESTIONS CONCERNING BUDGET, LIBRARIES, BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES. MR. PLOEG AND MS. AMES REVIEWED THE CONSTITUTION AND EXPLAIN VARIOUS DUTIES AS WELL AS DUTIES OF LIBRARY BOARDS AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED ABOUT FORMING FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY IN ROYSTON. AND THE RAISING OF GENERAL FUNDS. JULIE IRBY MADE MOTION THAT LETTERS BE SENT TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS A GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH LIBRARIES ATTEND MEETINGS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF OUR FUNDING NEEDS, SECONDED BY ROGER MCCONNELL MOTION CARRIED. MS. AMES ALSO NOTIFIED BOARD ABOUT THE LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY TO BE HELD FEBUARY 18TH IN ATLANTA. SHE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO CONTACT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SENATORS AND OTHER ABOUT RAISING NOT LOWERING LIBRARY MONIES FROM THE STATE. IT WAS NOTED THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS HAD SPOKEN WITH NEW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JAMES LECROY AND THAT HE PLEDGES HIS FULL SUPPORT TO BOTH COUNTY LIBRARIES.

RUTH WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED TWO NAMES

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TO FILL VACANT SEATS ON BOARD THOSE BEING GENEVA WHITLOW AND JEANETTE LING, IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT PEGGY MCMAHAN HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION. MRS. WILLIAMS FURTHER STATED SHE HAD TALKED WITH CARNESVILLE MAYOR AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEND MONEY FOR LIBRARIES. JULIE IRBY MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT MRS. WHITLOW AND MRS. LING, SECONDED BY LOUISE HARBIN, MOTION CARRIED. NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN AND PRESENT NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS AT MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 14, 1997 IN ROYSTON. A WIDE AND GENERAL DISCUSSION WAS HELD AMONG THOSE PRESENT ON IRONING OUR PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT DUTIES, MONIES, ETC. NEW CHAIRMAN WILL NAME ANOTHER MEMBER TO SERVE ON REGION BOARD. MR. PLOEG GAVE SEVERAL PER CAPITA FEES PAID BY VARIOUS COUNTIES IN GEORGIA NOTING THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY IS ONE OF THE LOWEST ON GIVING MONIES PER CAPITA. HE NOTED IF ANY QUESTIONS HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP.

NEW CONSULTANT JANET WRIGHT SAID SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH ALL OF US.

JULIE IRBY MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT BUDGET PRESENTED BY MR. AMES LOUISE HARBIN SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX AT 11:45 A. M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Julie Irby
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SECRETARY FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

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MONDAY APRIL 14, 1997

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21ST, 1997 MEETING READ BY SECRETARY JULIE IRBY. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES MADE BY JEANETTE LING, SECONDED BY RUTH WILLIAMS MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.

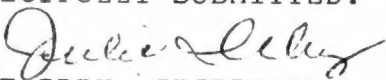
MRS. WILCOX PRESENTED ATHENS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE KATHRYN AMES WHO UPDATED EVERYONE ON STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS. FUNDS WERE NOT CUT BUT LEFT AT 56¢ JPER CAPITA, SHE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO THANK REPRESENTATIVE ALAN POWELL AND SENATOR EDDIE MADDEN FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN NOT CUTTING FUNDS. SHE ALSO REPORTED GOVERNOR MILLER HAS APPROVED A TELE-COMMUNICATION HUB WITH THREE COMPUTERS IN EACH GEORGIA COUNTY. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT WHETHER EQUIPMENT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHOULD GO TO LAVONIA OR ROYSTON LIBRARY. BOARD DECIDED THE DECISION WILL BE LEFT WITH ATHENS REGIONAL SYSTEM. LOCAL LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE JANET WRIGHT REPORTED THIS YEARS THEME FOR READING CLUB IS "FOLLOW THE READING TRAIL" AND THAT PLANS ARE PROGRESSING VERY WELL AND THAT BOTH COUNTY LIBRARIANS HAD ATTENDED THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM WORKSHOP..

MRS. WILCOX CALLED ON RUTH WILLIAMS CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHE REPORTED SHE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANYONE TO COMMIT TO TAKE AN OFFICE THEREFORE, SHE RECOMMENDED NOMINATIONS BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. THOSE NOMINATED: CHAIRMAN: JEANETTE LING, VICE-CHAIRMAN RACHEL SORROW, SECRETARY: PEGGY MCMAHAN. ROGER MCCONNELL MADE MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPT THE ABOVE SLATE. SECONDED BY RUTH WILLIAMS, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS..GENEVA WHITLOW THANKED MRS. WILLIAMS FOR HER EFFORTS, THIS WAS SECONDED BY EVERYONE.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS IT WAS NOTED THAT THREE (3) MEMBERS TERMS ARE UP JUNE 1997, THOSE BEING RUTH WILLIAMS, JULIE IRBY AND LOUISE WILCOX. RUTH WILLIAMS AND LOUISE WILCOX AGREED TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM, WITH JULIE IRBY DECLINING. CITY OF ROYSTON WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ANOTHER MEMBER WILL BE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL.

MRS. WILCOX RECOGNIZED FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVES FROM LAVONIA WHO ATTENDED AND ASKED IF THEY HAD ANYTHING TO SAY. FOLLOWING THEIR REMARKS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 O'CLOCK WITH REMINDER TO BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 14TH IN LAVONIA.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


JULIE IRBY, SECRETARY

April 15, 1997

Ms. Kathryn Ames, Director
Athens Regional Library System
2025 Baxter Street
Athens, Georgia 30606

Dear Ms. Ames:

Following the Franklin County Library Board Meeting on Monday April 14th, 1997 Royston Library Board met. At this time a general discussion involving the Board, their duties, etc. was held. It was unanimously decided by Board Members to disband the Royston Board. It was also noted that everyone will be willing to help you and your staff in your efforts to organize "Friends of the Library" in Royston.

We also agreed to help if needed with your Summer Reading Club Party.

Sincenrely,

Julie Irby

Geneva Whitlow

Louise Wilcox

Alice Eberhart

Nancy Brown

Paul Crawford

CC:

Board members

Louise Hendrix, Royston Librarian

Thomas A. Ploeg, Director Ga. Dept. Technical & Adult Education